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**Subject: Twenty-third meeting of the AFI Satellite Network Management Committee (SNMC/23), Accra, Ghana, 15-19 February 2016**

**Action Required: Reply not later than 05 February 2016**

Sir /Madam,

I have the honour to invite your Administration / Organization to the Twenty-third Meeting of the AFI Satellite Network Management Committee (SNMC/23) which is being hosted by the Ghana Civil Aviation Authority (GCAA) and will take place in **Accra, Ghana, from 15 to 19 February 2016**. Precise information on the venue will be provided later.

As the provisional agenda hereto attached indicates, the SNMC/23 meeting will, among other things, mainly review the follow-up actions taken by SNMC members on matters arising from the SNMC/22 meeting Conclusions/Decisions; review and assess the network performance (facilities and services availability); examine the outcome of the external Technical Evaluation of AFISNET conducted in line with **SP AFI/RAN Recommendation 6/18**. SNMC/23 will finalize the draft Action Plan developed for AFISNET re-engineering and modernization and discuss the integration and interoperability of AFISNET with its neighbouring networks in the context of **SP AFI/RAN Recommendation 6/19**.

Within the framework of the implementation of the AFI Air Navigation Plan the Project approach concept recently agreed by APIRG/20, Yamoussoukro, Côte d'Ivoire 27 November-4 December 2015 will be considered by SNMC for its future work programme as well as the requirements to be provided by the network for the implementation of ICAO Aviation System Blocks Upgrades (ASBU) components within the AFI Region.

In this regard, the attention of your Administration/Organization is being drawn to the need to participate actively by preparing Working Papers and providing the necessary inputs in relation to the individual Agenda items. Such inputs should include operational end-to-end circuit statistics, and updates on present network parameters and expected/future applications, with a view to facilitating the upgrading of the AFISNET performance and ensuring its smooth integration.

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In line with the provision contained in the Form of Agreement of the AFISNET Management Committee, observers such as facilities providers, satellite spectrum providers, Air Navigation Service Providers, Airline Associations have been invited to give information on current technologies and their future development.

The general information bulletin concerning arrangements for the meeting with the List of Hotels in Accra will be posted on the WACAF Website as soon as they are available. Meanwhile, be advised that Working Papers prepared by the Secretariat will be circulated in due course.

Kindly advise at your earliest convenience, but not **later than 05 February 2016**, through e-mail to [icaowacaf@icao.int](mailto:icaowacaf@icao.int) whether your Administration/Organization intends to participate in the SNMC/23 Meeting, and accordingly indicate the name and designation of your delegate(s).

Please accept, Sir/Madam, the assurances of my highest consideration.



Mam Sait Jallow  
Regional Director

**Attachments:** - Provisional Agenda  
- Registration Form